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## **Sen. Allen offers comments following State of the State address**

**LANSING** – Following the governor’s annual State of the State address, state Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, issued the following statement:

“I was pleased to see the governor is beginning to catch up with the Michigan Legislature. The governor shared a great vision of creating an alternative energy haven in Michigan. Legislative Republicans have been working on bolstering this sector of the economy over the last year. I introduced legislation, Senate Bill 583, which expands our Next Energy Act to promote more development of alternative energy technologies and alternative fuel vehicles. Most recently, Senate Bill 802, which I also introduced, improved one of our top state programs for recruiting businesses to Michigan by opening it to more companies, including a specific program for high-tech companies.

“Legislative Republicans have continually been working on eliminating governmental red tape. While the governor touted working to a more online friendly operation, we are working on prohibiting an ergonomics standard that her administration is putting together that would cost businesses millions of dollars. We will keep tearing down the regulatory barriers the administration puts up to business growth and development.”

“The governor also referenced improving education in her address tonight. In the Senate we have been worked to reform our educational system, ensuring that the students in our classrooms are getting the skills they need. Last year, most of the state’s universities testified before the Senate about the lack of students from Michigan in math and science disciplines. We have been working diligently to develop a program to bolster that program.”

“These are just a few of numerous examples in the governor’s speech where she laid out a vision that Senate Republicans have pushed during the last two years.”

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Broadcast quality video (uncompressed Quicktime movie file) of Allen’s comments may be downloaded from the Senate Majority Communications Audiowire web site cited below.

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